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INDO-FRANCE TRADE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and France propose to expand and diversify bilateral trade and investment;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the meetings of the Joint Committee held between the two countries since December,2004 onwards;

(c) whether any agreement was signed during these meetings; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which such agreements are likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E. V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the 13th Session of the Indo-French Joint Committee held in New Delhi on 9lh December 2004, the two sides agreed that the Governments as well as the private sectors of the two countries need to work together to enhance bilateral cooperation through promotion of trade, technical collaboration, investment, joint ventures and strategic alliances, particularly in areas such as infrastructure, agro-food processing, information technology and energy. The two sides also agreed to hold the next Session of the Joint Committee in Paris at the end of 2005.

(c) No agreement was signed during the 13lh Session of the Indo- French Joint Committee.

(d) Does not arise.